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NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

PRELIMINARY SITUATION REPORT NO 30

BRASS KNOB Mission [REDACTED] Preliminary analysis of the aerial photography from this mission reveals the following items of interest:

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1. SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD

Only 2 of the former 13 BEAGLE/MASCOT aircraft at this airfield remain in a partially assembled state. These 2 still have the wings attached to the fuselage but the tail assemblies have been removed. The remaining 11 fuselages are observed but all major subassemblies have been removed. Nineteen fuselage crates and one possible fuselage crate are visible on hazy photography.

2. ARTEMISA AREA, MILITARY CAMP

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A new, probably unoccupied 6-gun AAA battery is located 3.6 nm NE of Artemisa Military Camp. No other apparent changes are noted since [REDACTED]

3. HAVANA PORT

Thirty-six freighters, 1 tanker, 5 PT, and numerous other small vessels are observed in port. There is no apparent military storage except a vehicle park at the south of the harbor.

4. SANTA BRIGIDA, MILITARY ACTIVITY

No missile activity is observed in the area.

5. MATANZAS PORT

No freighters or naval vessels are observed in the port. There are no apparent changes in the port facilities since [REDACTED]

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6. CIENFUEGOS PORT

No military equipment is observed. Two probable PCs and 3 probable PTs at naval base (Cayo Loco). At least 4 cargo type and numerous small craft in harbor area. No unusual activity on access routes. Haze and obliquity preclude detailed interpretation.

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7. CASILDA PORT

No vessels are observed. Obliquity and poor quality preclude detail interpretation of port area. No unusual activity is noted on port access roads.

8. CASILDA, MISSILE EQUIPMENT AREA

Approximately 50 vehicles or pieces of equipment are noted in the area. No apparent change in the facilities since [REDACTED]

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9. IAS VILLAS SEARCH AREA

No new military activity is observed in cloud-free areas. There are scattered-to-heavy clouds over much of the area.

10. A readout on Cardenas Port is precluded because of cloud cover over the area.

STATUS OF MISSION READOUT

PI readout of Mission [REDACTED] is complete. An immediate photographic interpretation report (IPIR) on this mission is being published as NPIC/R-1122/62.

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